



YOUR STATE BAR

SELF-GOVERNANCE

Texas lawyers have the ability to practice law in a self-regulated profession with an independent grievance system. Since the bar's inception, Texas lawyers have retained the right to approve proposed disciplinary rule changes in referenda elections and vote on members of the board of directors, which governs all manner of bar administration, programs, policies, and budget management. Learn more at texasbar.com/board.

POWERFUL LEGAL RESEARCH TOOLS

The State Bar of Texas offers its members free access to both Casemaker and Fastcase. This is an estimated combined value of \$2,000 a year—a benefit that far exceeds your annual membership fee. For detailed updates and links to upcoming how-to webinars, go to texasbar.com/legalresearch.

TEXAS BAR CAREER CENTER

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TEXAS LAWYERS' ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program confidentially helps lawyers, judges, and law students who are concerned for themselves or a colleague with regard to general well-being, mental health, or substance use issues. TLAP provides support and referrals, peer assistance programs, and much more. TLAP can be reached 24 hours a day by calling or texting **800-343-TLAP (8527)**. Additional resources are available at tlaphelps.org.

ETHICS HELPLINE

Texas-licensed attorneys may call **800-532-3947** with ethics questions related to professional conduct rules, ethics opinions, and some caselaw. The helpline is staffed by ethics attorneys from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday. More ethics resources can be found at texasbar.com/ethics.

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The State Bar has negotiated special offers and discounts on a variety of resources to help members with the everyday practice of law.



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TEXAS BAR JOURNAL

The *Texas Bar Journal*, published monthly except for a combined July/August issue, includes informative articles about technology trends, legal topics, and practice tips along with orders from Texas' highest courts. Thanks to an alliance with William S. Hein and Co., State Bar members have free access to a complete archive of the TBJ, from 1938 to the present. Read the TBJ online and access its archives at texasbar.com/tbj.

STATE BAR OF TEXAS PODCAST

The *State Bar of Texas Podcast* is a monthly show featuring news and discussions relevant to the legal profession, from the latest industry trends and caselaw to practice tips and State Bar programs. Host Rocky Dhir, attorney and CEO of Dallas-based Atlas Legal Research, invites thought leaders and innovators to share their insight and knowledge on what matters to practitioners. Listen at texasbar.com/podcast or legaltalknetwork.com.

FACTS

Lawyers in Texas pay lower membership fees than those in almost every other state where a unified bar performs regulatory functions.¹ The State Bar of Texas has not raised membership fees since 1991, and there are no current plans to increase them.

Lawyers who live in states that have voluntary bars are still required to pay annual licensing fees, most often to government-sanctioned bodies that are charged with the regulation or discipline of the profession.

Texas lawyers pay membership fees as follows:

- Licensed 0 to 3 years = \$68
- Licensed 4 to 5 years = \$148
- Licensed more than 5 years = \$235

Attorneys age 70 or older are exempt from paying membership fees if they have filed a written notice requesting enrollment as an emeritus attorney. If you have questions about emeritus status, please contact the Membership Department at 800-204-2222, ext. 1383.

With some exceptions, attorneys also must pay an annual legal services fee of \$65 imposed by Government Code Section 81.054. This fee is a legislative mandate and is not imposed by the State Bar. The funds are collected and paid to the clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas and remitted to the State of Texas Comptroller. The legal services fees do not fund any State Bar activities. Read more at texasbar.com/fees.